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FM AMEMBASSY LAGOS

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AMCONSUL KADUNA

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS

AMCONSUL IBADAN

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SUBJECT: FMG AND EMBASSY ANNEX

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1. SUMMARY: PRESS TODAY REPORTS WITHDRAWAL OF TROOPS EMBASSY ANNEX. HEADLINES CONTINUE TO DESCRIBE SITUATION IN CONFROM-TATION TERMS. DAILY TIMES CARRIED "FMG OFFICIAL RELEASE" EXPLAINING REASONS FOR ACTION AND INACCURATELY CLAIMING AMBASSADOR HAD MADE "PASSIONATE APPEAL" TO REMOVE TROOPS AND PROMISED TO MOVE OUT OF ANNEX "IMMEDIATELY".

END SUMMARY.

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2. DIALY PRESS CONTINUES FRONT PAGE PLAY FMG/EMBASSY  
NEGOTIATIONS OVER ANNEX BUILDING IN CONFRONTATION  
TERMS. DAILY TIMES HEADLINES "GOVERNMENT REMAINS TOUGH ON US"  
IN STORY WHICH TALKS OF BRIGADIER OBASANJO'S ULTIMATUM AND  
CONTINUING EFFORTS TO GET U.S.G. TO MOVE OUT OF ANNEX BUILDING.  
NIGERIAN OBSERVER HEADLINES "USIS DEFIES FMG'S ORDER".  
NEW NIGERIAN IN ITS STORY CITES MEA OFFICIAL AS HAVING CON-  
FIRMED LENGTHY NEGOTIATIONS BETWEEN HIS MINISTRY AND EMBASSY  
OVER FMG REQUEST THAT U.S. AGENCIES VACATE ANNEX BUILDING.  
STORY SAYS THAT U.S. "OFFICIALS" HAD "COMPLAINED" ABOUT  
PRESENCE OF TROOPS AT USIS PREMISES, ADDING THAT "THEY  
(AMERICANS) WERE SATISFIED  
AFTER AN EXPLANATION TO THE EFFECT  
(SIC) HAD BEEN GIVEN THEM."

3. DAILY TIMES PUBLISHES STATEMENT "FMG ISSUED YESTERDAY" ON  
THE REASONS FOR SENDING TROOPS TO OCCUPY GROUNDS OF ANNEX.  
RELEASE GAVE FMG SIDE OF NEGOTIATIONS TO DATE AND CONCLUDED  
THAT "DECISION OF FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO TAKE OVER  
PROPERTY REMAINS UNALTERED...BUT IN LIGHT OF THE PASSIONATE  
APPEAL MADE AND THE ASSURANCES GIVEN BY THE US AMBASSADOR TO  
THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT THAT THE AGENCIES CONCERNED WOULD MOVE  
OUT IMMEDIATELY, THE TROOPS NOW ON GUARD DUTY IN THE PREMISES  
ARE BEING WITHDRAWN".

4. COMMENT: IN MEETING AT MEA JULY 1- DCM WAS ASSURED  
STATEMENT PARA 3 ABOVE WAS NOT OFFICIAL FMG RELEASE, HAD NOT  
BEEN CLEARED THROUGH USUAL CHANNELS AND MEA HAD NOT BEEN AWARE  
OF IT BEFORE SEEING NEWSPAPERS. WE BELIEVE STATEMENT WAS PUT  
OUT BY BRIGADIER OBASANJO TO SAVE HIS FACE AND EXPLAIN BOTH  
OCCUPATION OF ANNEX COURTYARD AND TROOP WITHDRAWAL.  
AMBASSADOR DID NOT REPEAT NOT OF COURSE MAKE "PASSIONATE  
APPEAL", RATHER HE MADE A FIRM ORAL PROTEST. "PASSIONATE"  
WAS IN FACT PERMANENT SECRETARY IYALLA'S DESCRIPTION OF HIS  
OWN EFFORTS "ON BEHALF OF THE EMBASSY" TO OBTAIN REMOVAL OF  
TROOPS AT YESTERDAY'S CABINET MEETING. FURTHER, AMBASSADOR  
DID NOT REPEAT NOT "PROMISE" U.S. AGENCIES WOULD MOVE OUT  
"IMMEDIATELY", BUT RATHER AGREED TO RESUME DISCUSSIONS ON  
CONDITIONS FOR THE MOVE.

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